

SERMON NOTES

November 25 & 26, 2023

Can't Wait: How to Wait Well

1. **The Rule:** The _____ wait on the _____.

2. **The Problem:** We don't know when _____ or if _____
_____.

Psalm 13:1-2 | Psalm 37: 7a, 9 b

3. The Nots:

Waiting on God is not.....

a. A _____ to get _____.

Luke 2:25

b. Being _____ when _____.

Luke 2:37 b

4. **The Invitation:** When Jesus is invited into my circumstances, _____.

Isaiah 40:1 | Luke 2: 28-29

5. **The Danger:** I will _____ of waiting and _____
_____.

Genesis 16:1-6

6. **The Opportunity:** God can use my waiting to _____.

Isaiah 40:31

7. **The Question:** What would a person of good _____, deep _____ and great
_____ do?

Advent Homework: _____ the Spiritual Discipline of waiting. **Acts 1:4 | Hebrews 10:12-13**

Life Steps

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Monday

Psalm 13

Reflect: How does Psalm 13 describe the concerns of the believer who is waiting on the Lord? Notice the shift in the Psalmist tone in Verses 5 and 6. How have you experienced the love and goodness of God in the midst of waiting?

Prayer: God of endless wisdom, teach me patience in the midst of my waiting.

Tuesday

Psalm 37:1-7a

Reflect: In what areas of your life are you waiting for God's promises or for an answer to a prayer request? In this season of waiting, what would you like for God to do? What are you hoping for?

Prayer: Faithful God, you know what I need and I trust you so I will wait on you.

Wednesday

Luke 2:25-28, 36-38

Reflect: Describe the faith of Simon and Anna. What impact did their faith and statements have on Mary and Joseph? Simon and Anna grew in faith as they served in the Temple. As a step in faith and spiritual growth, go to pathway.church/adventserve to sign up to serve during the Advent/Christmas season.

Prayer: Lord, use me to serve your purposes even as I want for you to show up.

Thursday

Luke 2:1-39

Reflect: Simon and Anna were key witnesses in Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. How do their stories affect the early followers of Jesus and the believers in the early Church who were Jews who carefully read the Hebrew Scriptures? What is God saying to you today through this passage?

Prayer: Lord, make me aware of those who are waiting for you to show up in their lives and use me to give them hope.

Friday

Genesis 16:1-16

Reflect: Even though multiple wives were an accepted cultural practice in Abraham and Sarah's time, what was wrong in offering Hagar as a wife for Abraham? What steps could Abraham and Sarah have taken to redeem the situation? How have you been tired of waiting on God and took matters into your own hands? How did that work out?

Prayer: Patient God, forgive me for impulsively taking things into own hands instead of wondering, "What would a person of good character, deep faith and great wisdom do?"

Saturday

Hebrews 10:12-13

Reflect: Christ's position at the right hand of God until his enemies are vanquished is a powerful concept. How does this knowledge affect your understanding of Christ's presence in your life?

Prayer: Merciful God, thank you for the gift of Jesus and your constant presence in my life even when I am not aware you are working for my good.

Sunday

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Reflect: Sometimes a believer has to deal with unrealized dreams, frustrations, and loss of hope in this life. What are your experiences in this regard? How has discouragement from waiting affected your spiritual, mental, and physical well-being?

Prayer: Lord, you know how impatient I am regarding how you supply my needs. Teach me patience. Teach me to trust your provision for my life. Grant me your peace with the challenges I face while waiting on your timing to meet my needs.